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Banner Flash!

Tony Pastor and Orchestra will appear at McGuire on New Year's Night in a coast-to-coast Spotlight Band broadcast.

Arrangements made by the BANNER for the band's appearance received final okay from the War Department at 10 pm last night.

The show, heard over 158 stations of the Blue Network, will be in place of the Spotlight Band suddenly cancelled on December 12, when snowstorms in Maryland prevented the band's arrival.

Bond Drive In Last Lap; \$30,000 Sold

Spurred on by additional purchases, McGuire's Sixth War Loan drive enters the home lap with improved chances for topping its quota of \$40,000 before the deadline of December 31, according to figures released today by Bond Officer Lt. R. T. Morrison. Bond purchases to date total \$34,609.50.

Military personnel, although already directly in the war effort, have supported this drive better than McGuire's civilian personnel, Lt. Morrison said. "This is probably due to the fact that civilians have not reported all of their bond purchases made off the post", he explained.

The large chart in the Arcade has caused much comment and interest as each day's purchases are listed as soon as complete figures are obtainable. All bond purchases by McGuire personnel, no matter where made, should be reported promptly to Lt. Morrison so that accountants may credit them more quickly on the Arcade chart. "Most of the delay in recording each day's purchases on the chart is caused by having to wait for outside returns," Lt. Morrison stated. "Civilian class A pay reservation percentages are showing marked improvement", he added. Section percentages on Class A reservations are as follow:

Police and Personnel 100%
Section Chairman Mr. Archer.
'Phone Exchange 100%
Section Chairman Miss Bolton.

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by the Bishop of Richmond.

A Message from the Commanding Officer

This is our first Christmas at McGuire General Hospital. During the past year we have seen the hospital grow in size and personnel. We have seen thousands of sick and wounded come to our doors. Many have remained only a few days, but all of them recognized the feeling of friendliness so apparent on this post.

My Christmas wish is that this spirit continue and grow as the months go on. The Star of Bethlehem will ever burn brightly in our hearts if we rededicate ourselves to Christ's teachings and continue to make McGuire General Hospital worthy of the meaning of Christmas the year round.

My very warmest personal greetings to every one of you.

COLONEL P. E. DUGGINS
Commanding Officer.

'Messiah' Rendition Feature of Festive Chapel Services

In the first Christmas celebrations to be held in McGuire's chapel, outstanding services have been scheduled for the holy days by Chaplains O. D. Swank and Neil S. Cashman, Protestant and Catholic chaplains, respectively.

A 28-voice choir from First Baptist Church, Richmond, will offer a rendition of "The Messiah" in a Protestant service Sunday at 10 am. Chaplain Swank will also sponsor a tour of four choral groups singing carols throughout the hospital on Christmas Eve.

A Christmas Service will be held Christmas morning at 10 am.

Catholic services conducted by Chaplain Cashman will begin with a Mass at 9 am Sunday celebrated by the

by the Bishop of Richmond.

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Open House Radio Show to Reveal Nisei War Record

Spurred by much favorable comment received from listeners in Virginia and surrounding areas as well as those right in McGuire, "Open House at McGuire General Hospital" goes into its second of a newly weekly series of broadcasts Saturday, 4 pm, over Richmond's WRVA.

"Open House" is designed to inform listeners of the dramatic record of healing and medical progress performed by the Army Medical Corps. The scripts cite not only facts and figures, but go

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Lieutenant Gellman Becomes Captain

Mess Officer Irving Gellman has been promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to that of Captain, according to announcement received last Sunday.

Captain Gellman was formerly assistant mess officer at Valley Forge General Hospital, and came to McGuire in January of this year, before the hospital proper had been completed for patient occupancy. The captain is now officer in charge of detachment mess, patients' mess, officers' mess and all special diets for patients.

Santa Claus is Ordered On DS Trip to McGuire

If Santa Claus is coming to town this year, it will be strictly an additional duty. For when he completes everything scheduled for him in McGuire's first and biggest Christmas celebration, there won't be time for him to do much else.

With Chesterfield County's Red Cross chapter paving the way, Santa will plow through snowbound McGuire to every one of the hospital's wards.

Parties will be sponsored by numerous well-wishing welfare and religious groups in the Richmond area. Gifts, with cheer-spreading cards inserted in each, will be brought for every patient. Among the organizations taking part will be the 42 groups who raised \$45,000 to furnish McGuire's attractive ward day rooms.

Hard-working volunteers from Richmond garden clubs, duty personnel and some of the patients themselves are already working overtime setting up gala decorations, trees, baskets of fruits and other delectables in day rooms for the ward parties.

Valuable prizes including two long distance calls will be awarded patients responsible for decoration of the most attractive trees.

Meanwhile, Captain Gellman's mess personnel are out to surpass

the gayety mark reached in the recent Thanksgiving dinner. Decorations in patients

and detachment mess, it is learned from reliable sources, will be slightly out of this world. Christmas music will brighten the event, supplied through a specially installed speaker system. The menu is a well-guarded military secret . . . no one wants to talk turkey.

Patients have been advised through channels to hang Christmas stockings next to their name plates on beds Christmas eve. The American Legion, Salvation Army and numerous thoughtful clubs in Virginia have loaded Colonel Claus with a barracks bag full of gifts



Gen. Hayes Lauds All Personnel In Xmas Greeting

(By Service Command Press)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21—Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, in a Christmas message to all personnel of the tri-state military area, said the duties of the personnel had increased in the last year and that "you have done them well."

He said the "year has been a good," with the war progressing favorably. "The future will bring many new and more difficult tasks, but our team is strong and will do its full part toward winning the war."

The General added:

"This Christmas we are far from Peace on Earth, yet in our comradeship we may learn much about the brotherhood of man. It is inspiring to see officers and men, civilian and uniformed soldiers, without regard to creed, color, or previous condition, sharing together in sacrifice and achievement. Let us keep up this working harmony of Americans."

"In that spirit I wish you the best of everything—a year of success in all that you do, bright with promise of better Christmases to come."

In a general order earlier this month, marking the first anniversary of his command, General Hayes said that "in spite of personnel changes, critical manpower shortage, and other difficulties, we have made a material contribution to our nation's war effort. This has been accomplished by teamwork."

"The Third Service Command of the Army Service Forces marches on to Victory."

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Christmas Greetings from the Chaplains

The warmth and beauty of Christmas comes to a weary world. The message of global "peace and goodwill" persists even in a time of global war. It is the one great assurance, the one hope of the world. Its brightness is not dimmed but rather enhanced by world shadows. There is no blackout for the Christmas star.

Many will be spending Christmas at home this time, the first in several years. Likewise many will be away from home for the first time. But wherever men are they will remember and rejoice in the fact that the Savior has come. This fact transcends all else. Even the suffering is eased by its warmth and glow. Strength and peace of mind take hold and hope brightens.

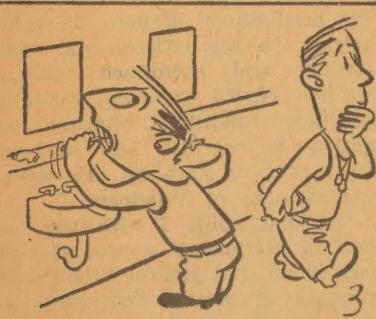
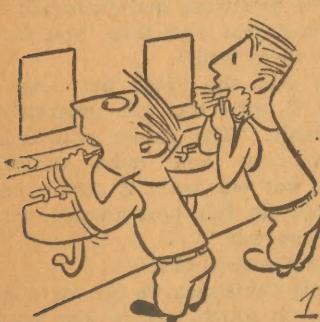
In all our celebrations let us keep in mind the central fact of the coming of the Messiah. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

CHAPLAIN O. D. SWANK.

This blessed Christmas Day is celebrated by the Church to remind her children that it is the anniversary of one of the world's greatest events, and to take them back in spirit to the Bethlehem of 19 centuries ago. It was there that the Son of God came among men to teach them the way to Heaven. He came as the Saviour to die for us. He came as the Prince of Peace to give us "a peace which the world cannot give." The herald Angels announced His coming and told of this peace of Christ. "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will." This is a formula for obtaining peace which the world has not followed. We cannot have peace without God, because good will is God's will. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven is our prayer. This prayer we must execute in our daily living. St. John tells us: "But as many as receive Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, to them that believe in His name. Who are born, not of blood nor of the will of man, but of God."

May the blessings of the Christ Child descend upon you, and your loved ones, and upon all in the Service of our Country to strengthen them and bring peace forever. Amen.

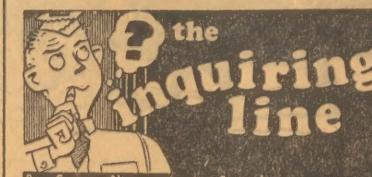
CHAPLAIN NEIL S. CASHMAN.



Yuletide Utopia

By MAJ. FRANCISCO R. ACOSTA
Hail, O slaves of "Sick and Weary",
Knitted brows and eyes all bleary,
Shoulders stooped, with marked kyphosis
As you scan each diagnosis.
In some heaven, far away,
All the charts are clear as day.
There, no haunting errors rise:
Uncrossed t's, undotted i's.
There, no rates are ever sought,
No false figures ever caught.
There, no grouchy Majors dwell,
Spouting words no one can spell.
Sometime, when the war is over,
You can reach this field of clover.
Meanwhile, Merry Christmas, all!
Happy New Year!

ON THE BALL!!!!



Q. When I was stationed in the States, I used to go to a USO dance every Saturday night. Now I'm in Italy and I haven't seen a USO since I landed. How come?

A. The Army doesn't permit the USO to operate clubs in Britain, Africa, Italy, Australia, France or the South Pacific, but it has authorized other agencies to function in these areas. The USO maintains its clubs in the U.S.A., Alaska, the Canal Zone, the Caribbean, the east coast of South America, Bermuda, Newfoundland and Hawaii.

Q. I am about to be discharged from the Army with a Blue Discharge (without honor). Am I entitled to the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights?

A. If you meet the other requirements, you are entitled to the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights. The only discharge which would disqualify you is a dishonorable discharge.

Q. I am a T-5. I have \$27 per month deducted from my pay for family allotments. My insurance premiums total \$7.30 per month. Recently I was sentenced by a court-martial to forfeit two-thirds of my base pay for a period of six months. That would leave me nothing at all. Can they do this to me? What will happen to my insurance and allotments?

A. They sure can do it to you. A court-martial can take two-thirds of your base pay. Allotments and insurance will continue, but the deductions will accumulate and will be charged against your pay after the court-martial sentence is paid-up. Looks like you'll be pinched for money for a long time.

Library Notes

Russel Davenport has written a stirring poem entitled MY COUNTRY which will make a welcome addition to any bookshelf. So will the third and last volume of LEE'S LIEUTENANTS; YANKEE FROM OLYMPUS, the life of Justice Holmes; or THE WORLD OF WASHINGTON IRVING by Van Wyck Brooks.

REMEMBER?

"We are obliged to depopulate as part of our mission of preserving the German population. We shall have to develop a technique of depopulation. I mean the removal of entire racial units. And that is what I intend to carry out—that, roughly, is my task. Nature is cruel, therefore, we too may be cruel." Adolf Hitler, before the war, as quoted by Hermann Rauschning, former president of the Danzig Senate.

The war costs 250 million dollars a day. Buy an extra WAR BOND.



"I wonder if it's safe for me to smoke."

At Least 1 Year's Training Due Every Vet Under Bill

By SGT. FRANK WILSON

Here is another good deal for you men awaiting discharge. Again, the GI Bill of Rights steps into the limelight.

All of us know that in order to attain a college education we have to spend a bit of money, which a lot of us don't have, and as a result, no college. This is where the GI Bill comes in.

Any man or woman who saw active military or naval service after September 16, 1940 and received a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable, or was released from the service because of service-connected injury or disability is entitled to one year of training or education at the school they choose.

If at the time of entry into active service, he was under 25 years of age, he is entitled to as much time in school as he has had on active service. It is presumed that his education was interrupted if he entered the service under 25. For example, we'll say that we've had a total of 3 years active service and we were 21 years old at the time of entry into the armed forces. According to the provisions of the GI Bill we will get one year of education which everyone is entitled to, plus three years for the three we spent on active service.

There are some who had already passed their 25th birthday, but still were attending a school at the time of induction or enlistment. These people must prove that their education was interfered with in order

to receive more than a year's education.

TWO YEARS TO FILE

The application for this benefit under the GI Bill is made on Veterans Administration Form 1950 which is obtainable at the Regional Offices which are located in every state in the Union. This application must be filed within two years after the date of discharge or termination of the war, whichever is latest.

There is a limit to the amount of tuition and other expenses for books, supplies, etc., that will be paid by the Government. For an ordinary school year the tuition may not exceed \$500.00, which is paid directly to the institution.

A subsistence allowance will be paid while attending the course of training. For a person with no dependents, \$50.00 per month and for a person with dependents \$75.00 per month. If on-the-job training is chosen for which compensation is paid, the subsistence allowance is adjusted according to what is earned while receiving the training.

As long as the institution or place of training has been approved by the Veterans Administration, it makes no difference what type of course or training is chosen.

For any further information on this or any other provision under the GI Bill of Rights, see, Lt. R. T. Morrison, Personal Affairs Officer, in the Administration Building, second floor, phone 220.

G.I. SHAVINGS

— BY —

Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire



DEDICATION: The following is dedicated to Pfc. Carmine Policas tro, who is probably the most patriotic card player in the Army. Polly has put six hundred and twenty-five bucks of his winning in the Sixth Bond Drive!

Last night I held a lovely hand
A hand so soft and neat
I thought my heart would burst with joy

So wildly did it beat.
No other hand unto my heart
Could greater solace bring

Than the dear hand I held last night—

Four aces and a king!

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

When the gals of Richmond go all out for our wounded vets, they're not kidding. Take the patient in Ward 9. During his short stay here he became engaged three times, giving the third one a break after a two-day courtship.

When John White, an ex-GI and now motor pool heavyweight, got a look at Lena Horne he just wasn't any more good. But when she flipped those eyelashes his way and danced with him—heaven had sent an angel Confidentially, the best part of his day was the buck she gave him.

STAR DUST: Of all the patients in the hospital who do you think Esther Williams came back to see a second time? Pvt. Noel Spraker—he had her glasses!

That all-GI romance mentioned last week reached the climax when the happy couple T5 Jack Krakofsky and Pvt. Mary McCabe wedlocked last Friday in Richmond.

The same week-end saw Helen Leber of the Patient's Funds become the private custodian of Pfc. Bryon Code's personal affairs.

Hop on the War Bond Wagon.

Colonel Haas, Pacific Veteran, Sees Jap War's End by Late '47---Maybe

By PVT. LEE KING

"Although we have been fighting the Japs since December 7, 1941, we have not yet begun the actual war with Japan," former McGuire patient Colonel Kenneth W. Haas of 3422 Hanover Ave., Richmond, Va., told a BANNER reporter today.

Col. Haas, former Chemical Officer, 1st Cavalry Division, recently returned from the Pacific theatre of war and was hospitalized at McGuire for treatment of malaria contracted during active combat duty there.

"In all the fighting we have done so far, the Japs have called the shots. We have fought where they wanted us to fight in their type of warfare on their type of terrain and in their type of climate. We shall begin the actual war against Japan only after we have established a foothold on the Chinese mainland. We cannot hope to win the war until we take Formosa, the key to the Japanese empire, and I believe we cannot hope to end the war with Japan before the latter part of 1947."

SMALL PROGRESS MADE

"Thus far our offensive against Japan has done little more than extend communication lines and gain small islands at terrific cost. One of the most costly was Kwa-jalein, whose entire area is less than that covered by the buildings of McGuire General Hospital, according to Col. Haas. And each island area gained prior to the regaining of Philippine areas has been virgin beach or jungle that entailed starting from scratch for the construction of airstrips, ports

or docks, road systems, living quarters and other necessary facilities. This construction must be accomplished while battling the combined enemy action of Japs, malaria, dengue fever, dysentery, cholera, scrub typhus, fungus and other skin diseases, vicious vermin, snakes, lizards, wild boar, sharks, and the deadly oppressive monotony of the implacable jungle and its weather."

The jungle is a treacherous enemy to the American fighter. Dank, lush vegetation springs up almost overnight and grows to incredible heights in unbelievable thickness, until a man's vision plays him false and he sees things that do not exist and fails to see things immediately underfoot. (Col. Haas said he once stood for some time directly over a Jap pill-box without knowing it until the Japs inside began firing at the men following him.) Even on the brightest sunlit day, it is often so dark in the jungle that a man cannot see as far as arm's length and it becomes necessary to depend upon hearing and smell rather than vision.

THE NOSE KNOWS

"The Jap has a distinctive characteristic odor that is recognizable within twenty-five or thirty feet, so the effective jungle fighter learns to sniff the air like a hunting dog as he advances," Col. Haas said. "And he learns to advance slowly, stealthily, with frequent pauses to smell and listen. He also learns to shoot instantly at every sound—not because he becomes trigger-happy, but because it's healthier to shoot first, but fast."

Rank and its concomitant military courtesy is discarded early by the veteran jungle fighter. First, because a fellow cannot long offer "sirs" to, nor demand them from, a guy with whom he's dug and shared miles of fox holes. Second, because the officer who disregards rank per se, will live longer! It is very easy for a Jap to sneak inside our lines under cover of darkness, and pick off like sitting ducks those officers identified by "sirring."

"I remember so vividly one in-

stance that illustrates the danger of 'ranking' (and sleeping outside a foxhole) in jungle warfare. We were holed up on a Jap-infested island when an Air Force major flew in at sundown. My boys pulled his plane into the camouflaged hangar for servicing and repairs that could not be completed until morning. We offered the major sleeping quarters in one of our better foxholes and suggested that he follow our example of discarding rank while there, but he jeered at us mildly and called us 'greenhorns'. He said he preferred to sleep like an officer and bedded down in a hammock slung between two palm trees, after instructing the boys to call him when his plane was ready. Shortly before dawn the call came down the line for Major So-and-So, the Air Corps officer. Scarcely had he answered 'here,' in a half-whisper before a Jap bayonet jabbed through his stomach and a Jap machete sliced off his head. After that I was plenty glad that my boys always called me by a mumbled nickname and let me share foxholes with them," the colonel said fervently.

Colonel Haas was released from McGuire last Tuesday and proceeded to his assignment at the School of Military Government in Charlottesville, Va.

Bronze Arrowhead Okayed for Wear By Assault Troops

A bronze arrowhead to be worn on theatre of operations ribbons has been authorized for wear by soldiers who have parachuted or glided into enemy held territory, and by participants in assault waves of an amphibious landing on enemy-held territory, it was learned today.

Authorization for wearing the insignia may be given by theater commanders upon the recommendation of the individual's immediate commanding officer.

Any individual in the service eligible for the award but no longer present with the unit in which it was earned may be given authorization by preparing an affidavit setting forth the circumstances under which it was earned and submitting it to his present commanding officer. McGuire patients should contact Captain Fredericks, CO, Detachment of Patients. Duty Enlisted men entitled to the award should see Captain Mann, CO, Headquarters Detachment.

Christmas Mass will be celebrated Monday at 9 am with carols by St. Gertrude's Academy Choir.

Only one bronze service arrowhead will be worn on any theater ribbon.

Merry Christmas a la Dionne

PATIENTS DUTY PERSONNEL

GIFT MAIL

DAILY

00-430 700-830



Pvt. Walter Gray has five daughters. So with the aid of Red Cross Lady Mrs. Irving Crosby, Midlothian, Va., off go five of the widest-eyed dolls to be found in Richmond.

The dolls will go to his Washington, D. C. home by mail but Walt will be there in person when the young'uns open the packages on Christmas morning.

Priat the complete address in plain black letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not legible.

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Former Members, 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Mc GUIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL, RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA.		
Christmas 1944		

KENSON'S STAMP

We HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOU!

36TH DIVISION

Merry Christmas
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FRANCE 1944

John E. Dahlquist
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

The fighting 36th Division has seen a lot of action. But Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commanding, took time out to remember the men who have fallen in battle. The above V-Mail greeting is addressed "Former Members, 36th Infantry Division, McGuire General Hospital."

McGuire Patients Recall Christmases In Combat

"If I can't go home for Christmas, I'd rather be here at McGuire than any other hospital I can name." That's what so many of the overseas boys who are patients here in the hospital told the BANNER.

Following are a few of the many stories gathered from among various patients.

McGuire Patient Pfc. Carl Green is spending this Christmas in Highlands, N. C. Last year he spent Christmas day fighting on the Italian front, and the year before that, he fought in the Tunis campaign all of Christmas day. But this year he will be at home, thanks to the aid of the Red Cross. "It would be pretty nice to stay here in McGuire for Christmas as everyone is so kind," Carl said. "But the doc says I'm O.K. to travel, and gee, I can't tell you what it will mean to me to spend my first Christmas here in the States with my own folks."

Sergeant Andrew Beluschak of Ward 18 is one of twin brothers in the armed forces. In fact, he is one of four brothers in the service. Sergeant Andrew of the AAF is a gunner on a Flying Fortress. He was shot down over Brunswick, Germany and collected a burst of shrapnel in both hips. Christmas day of last year he spent on a mission over Germany. His twin brother Alexander, Carpenter's Mate 3c, who has been a Seabee since 1942 and their mother, father and two sisters will spend Christmas here at McGuire with Andy. Seabee Alex told the BANNER that he spent Christmas of '42 working in New Caledonia. Christmas of '43, Alex also worked, but at Munda on New Georgia Islands. "Our Seabee battalion, and the Navy and Marine boys there at the time, arranged a sort of Christmas celebration in the afternoon and evening. Turkey and all that goes with it . . . and we made some ice cream in the refrigerator of one of the ships. It was about 120 degrees in the shade that day! That night we had a sort of a smoker and the boys put on their own show. During the movie that followed, Jap bombers flew in on an air raid. We stampeded for our foxholes and that was the end of our Christmas celebration.

"They arranged a 10-day furlough for me from our base in California and I flew to McGuire by plane to be with Andy for Christmas. Just got back from overseas duty and guess I'll go right out again when I leave here. Our home's in Que Creek, Penna. But there won't be any of the family there, as all of us are able to get home

are here at McGuire."

S-Sgt. Galo F. Almeida, who spent his childhood Christmases in Ecuador, South America, is a patient in Ward 45. He is spending Christmas in New York City, his present home, and it will be his first holiday on home grounds. Last year, Sgt. Almeida spent Christmas in a hos-

JAPOLOGY



THE Jap civilian seems meek, mild and simple. But the moment he puts on a uniform, he becomes a different man. He becomes arrogant and proud of himself—a big shot. The explanation is that the uniform gives him the authority of the Emperor.

pital recovering from an attack of malaria acquired in line of duty. The year before he was also in a hospital recovering from wounds received in action in the Tunisia campaign. He arrived at McGuire a few days ago after twenty-nine months of overseas combat duty. He has been wounded three times in as many campaigns. He is in McGuire for treatment of a broken back resulting from direct German machine-gun fire at Aachen.

"Wish I were two people so I could enjoy the wonderful Christmas McGuire has arranged for the boys, and at the same time be home for my first Christmas in three years. I'll be back at McGuire right after the holidays. Then I'm going to concentrate on getting well enough to go back to duty."



Leapin' with Lena

Lena Horne and her retinue of Camp Lee's all colored jive band jam sessioned through the McGuire wards last week with some really solid sending.

Patients as well as the janitors, ward boys and mess-hall girls flocked around Lena like bees around the honey pot.

Sergeant Clarence Hutchinson of Roanoke, a patient in Ward 4 is usually tired and languid from the malaria he contracted while serving two years in India and Burma with the combat Engineers; but he followed Lena Horne from ward to ward last Friday with no sign of fatigue. It was in ward 42 that Lena gave out with a bit of jive backed by a Camp Lee band that sent Hutch out of this world. He jumped about like a yearling colt, showing Lena some steps in jitterbugging even she never knew before.

At the evening performance in the Red Cross Auditorium, Lena stacked them in 'way past the SRO limits.

'Open House'

(Continued from page one) into McGuire's wards to find the fighting men who have seen the Corps at work. They will tell in their own words of the confidence the Corps has earned with American combat soldiers.

This week, listeners will hear from Cpl. Tatsumi Yamamoto, Ward 12, the story of how 1300 Japanese-Americans in the 100th Infantry Battalion overcame the stigma of their ancestry with an unequalled battle record, despite crippling number of casualties, through the campaigns of Africa, Sicily and Italy.

The magic of the Army Medical Corps will be discussed by an especially qualified veteran, amateur magician Pfc. James Arbo-gast, now a McGuire patient.

Out of the baggage room will come the tale of Tank, a dog who was checked by a patient, after the two inseparable pals were wounded the same day on Anzio.

Taking part in the script, prepared by Lt. Howard B. Leeds, Public Relations Officer, will be Sgt. Barry Schectman, narrator, Cpl. Yamamoto, Sgts. Joseph Blackburn, Frank Wilson and Phil Williams, Cpl. Bernard Asbel and Miss Alice Herrmann.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

**Tetched-nition Fifth Grade****Devens GI Queered By Quartermaster**

FORT DEVENS, MASS.—A drill sergeant looked over a line of recruits and bellowed:

"Anybody got any complaints?" "Yes, Sarge, I have a complaint about my trousers," piped up Private Jim Dowling, of Waterbury, Conn.

"Look all right to me," snapped the sergeant. "What's wrong?"

"They're chafing me under (c) the arms," came the reply.

CAA Seeks Vets For Key Positions

The Civil Aeronautics Administration urgently needs discharged veterans with communications operating or aeronautical experience, such as radio operators, traffic controllers, pilots, navigators and dispatchers to train for aircraft communicator positions. The veterans accepted for these positions will go to New York for six weeks training after which they will be assigned to Airway Communications Stations. While at New York they will be paid at the rate of \$2,190 per annum, and \$2,433 after transfer to a field station.

There are several openings in Virginia and interested veterans may contact any First or Second Class Post Office or from the Second U. S. Civil Service Region, Federal Building, Christopher St., New York 14, N. Y.

Paddle Trophy, Generals First Win At Stake In Gymnasium Tonight

By CPL. AL BIANCO

A triple-header sports festival, featuring a basketball tussle between McGuire Generals and Richmond North Side Athletic Club, will be held in the gym tonight as McGuire's 1944 athletic season bows out.

The sports card gets under way at 7 pm when the McGuireettes, civilian girls' team, face North Side Athletic Club's team of better halves. At 8:15 pm, the sport-light turns on the final playoff for the McGuire Ping Pong Championship trophy. The Generals' game will supply the evening's closing climax.

The Generals have wound up in the league cellar for the first half of the basketball season, despite the marked improvement shown since the first few tilts.

The Generals squad does not lack good players by any means. A close survey shows that the squad is made up of prominent basketeers. Height is no problem because the squad out-reached most other clubs. The question still remains "Why doesn't the team win?" The first factor is that the boys do not have the stamina and endurance needed in basketball. This was shown in the last few minutes of play in every game. The reason is that the squad is made up of men with physical disabilities, which is a big factor in basketball because no time is taken out to call a team back for signals as in football, thus allowing for no rest. The second factor is that the starting five doesn't have enough reserves to relieve the whole squad if necessary. Thirdly, there is the game itself. As yet, systematic team play is not functioning to its fullest extent. Instead, individual play is emphasized. Until the Generals systematize their team play and work in a unit instead of individually, they will never have a winning team. If the second and third factors could be remedied, the Generals could easily come out on top in the second half of the Servicemen's Conference. The next official game will be January 3rd at the RAAB. Let's use this lapse between games wisely, team, and bring home the bacon the next time.

Tonight's ping-pong finals are still a wide open proposition. First round winners were Sgt. Allison, Sgt. Williams, Sgt. Kochunas, Sgt. Frey, Pfc. Cheswick, and Pvt. Coggins. All agree that the trophy to be earned by someone tonight justifies the hot competition taking place.

The civilian girls' basketball team is the first civilian representation in organized athletics at McGuire. After three weeks of training on the hard wood, the pin-ups are anticipating a potential championship team.

Military Personnel is supporting the team with Florence Andrews, Marjorie Grey Dunn, Eva Reed and Alice Mae Cannon. The Signal Department is contributing Joan Rothgeb and the Transportation Department, Miss Jean Mills. Out of Supply we have Louise Beverly, Pete Booker and Mary Ellen Walker represent the Medical Technicians. From the Administration Building comes Rosalie McDonald, the Information Clerk.

Joan Rothgeb and Florence Andrews are both former Manchester High first stringers. Both girls are fleet footed and dangerous under fire. Deadeye Rosalie McDonald is



Winner of tonight's ping-pong tournament in the gym will walk out with the attractive victory trophy, pictured above.

a former star from St. Gertrudes Academy in Richmond. Mac never needs to get near the basket to discourage the opponents' score. Out of the basketball team at Farmville State Teachers' College we have Eva Reed, who promises to hold down the opposition's score. Marjorie Grey Dunn, who played at the Augusta Arsenal, is a triple-threat forward. She's exceptionally outstanding in her running, passing and one-hand shooting. Tall Alice Mae Cannon is a promising guard and her height will certainly be advantageous under the basket. Jean (Slim) Mills, formerly first string with Thomas Jefferson High, will probably give the opposition lots of trouble when she is under the hoop. Booker, Walker, and Beverly fill in at guard positions. All probabilities show that this combination will keep the score low for the oppositions.

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